

News Release

CLAY COUNTY DEPUTY CHARGED WITH INSURANCE FRAUD
Made false statements to workers' compensation carrier

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 30, 2006) – A Clay County sheriff's deputy has pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor insurance fraud charge involving false statements he made in order to receive over \$2,000 in workers' compensation benefits.

Russell Napier, 38, of Manchester, filed a workers' compensation claim with American International Group (AIG) falsely stating that he was not working as a deputy sheriff. According to Clay District Court documents, Napier will make restitution to AIG for \$2,688. In addition, he will pay a \$1,000 fine to the Kentucky Office of Insurance (KOI) Fraud Investigation Division (\$500 suspended).

A 12-month prison sentence was probated, and Napier cannot serve as a non-elected peace officer while on probation.

The investigation was a joint effort of KOI, AIG, the Clay County commonwealth's attorney and the Clay County attorney.

The Office of Insurance is an agency of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet.